

Today's Advertisements.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF

HONGKONG, No. 1, 165.
A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, TO-NIGHT, the 16th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 16th May, 1898. [63]

CITY CLUB.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held in the CLUB HOUSE, on WEDNESDAY, the 25th May, at 9 P.M. to confirm the special resolution passed at the Meeting held on May 10th.
K. K. CHANDLER, Sec. et al.
Hongkong, 16th May, 1898. [640]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE.
THE Undersigned retires this day from the Secretaryship of the Society and Mr. Douglas Jones has been appointed his successor. Pending Mr. Jones' arrival at Canton, further notices Mr. W. J. Saunders will act as Secretary. By order of the Board,
N. J. EDE, Secretary.
Hongkong, 16th May, 1898. [638]

PHRENOLOGY AND SCIENTIFIC PALMISTRY.
MRS. JOSEPH NORTH still continues her successful delineations of character and events at GENERAL BUILDINGS, Wyndham Street. Hours 10 to 6 P.M.
Hongkong, 16th May, 1898. [639]



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AT KENNEDY TOWNSHIP, a European WARDMASTER, preferably a trained one (temporarily). Salary \$80 a month, with station, uniform and quarters.
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Hongkong, 16th May 1898. [641]

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Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 17th instant, at 10 A.M.
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DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers.
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Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [30]

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1 pint tin 2.25

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1898. [7]

BIRTH.

On the 13th of May, 1898, at Capasmoon, the wife of A. E. PRANKER, of the Chinese Maritime Customs, of a daughter. [642]

DEATH.

past, we know that there have been several valuable offers to private individuals or groups of individuals under very suspicious circumstances, and we have no reason to doubt that such things may continue to occur. The story told by the *Daily Press* is very circumstantial, and while we must not be understood to endorse it or commit ourselves to any opinion of its accuracy, we certainly must insist on some enquiry and some explanation.

The fall of the dollar has seriously inconvenienced the employees of the Hongkong Public Service, and they have every reason for their vigorous complaints; but after all they do things worse in France, not better. The *Semaine Coloniale* mentions instances in which officials have been brought out of France at a sterling agreement, to get say a hundred francs a month, the franc being, of course, on a gold basis. In Tonkin these men received their pay in silver dollars at the official rate of exchange, but on applying to have their salaries paid in francs, which they have authority to do and which they sometimes find advisable because the shops and tradespeople are getting more and more in the way of fixing their prices in francs, the poor officials receive their francs for dollars at the official rate of exchange and instead of a hundred francs they simply get sixty. Fancy that, gentlemen of the Public Works Department! Fancy finding yourselves paid 60 per month under an agreement of 100 per month! There would be pretty considerable ructions in Hongkong if any such juggling in exchange took place in the Treasury.

The Post Office has struck a new dodge. It seems to think that the title of this paper ought to be changed to the *Hongkong Telephone* instead of *Hongkong Telegraph*, for we are now receiving mail matter addressed to the "China and Japan Telephone Company, Limited." Next we shall be mistaken for the Electric Light Company, on account of our brilliance!

TELEGRAMS.

THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR.

THE BATTLE OF MANILA BAY.

FRENCH VERSION.

PARIS, May 8th.

The Spanish squadron at Manila has been entirely destroyed, 300 Spaniards killed and 450 wounded, the Americans only six wounded and no vessel damaged.

The Americans were unable to take Manila, because of lack of men (!)

A French Transatlantic steamer, the *Lafayette*, attempted to enter the blockaded harbour of Havana, but was captured by the Americans, who released her.

THE CRISIS IN ITALY.

Sanguinary conflicts resembling pitched battles occurred at Milan, Leghorn and Florence. At Milan, 300 people were killed and 1000 wounded.

REUTERS' MESSAGES.

THE AMERICAN-SPANISH WAR.

LONDON, May 13th.

The Spanish fleet under Admiral Cervera has arrived at Martinique from Cape Verde. A great Naval action appears to be inevitable. Admiral Sampson with nine war ships has bombarded P. Rio Rico.

The Americans have made simultaneous attacks on Cienfuegos, where they attempted a landing, and on Cardenas. They were repulsed at both places. The engagement at Cardenas was desperate. The torpedo vessel *Whitlow*, supported by two gunboats, entered the port but the Spanish fire smashed her boilers and disabled her. The gunboat *Hudson* endeavoured to tow her off, when a Spanish shell exploded the *Whitlow's* magazine, killing a Lieutenant and six men, and wounding all but three of the crew.

[This must be a mistake; there is no gunboat *Hudson*, but it may mean the *Holms*, of about 1,200 tons. It is, however, possible that one of the lumberable mercantile *Hudsons*, perhaps a tug-boat or pilot vessel, may have been acquired by the Navy for service in the war; but she could not be a gunboat. The *Whitlow* is practically of the torpedo-destroyer class, 300 or 400 tons, with only about 20 crew. If being the vessel engaged, it could do nothing more than a trivial reconnaissance. To speak of a serious engagement of guns and gunboats is absurd. — E. H. K. T.]

SALE OF RA ER GALTZE-MORE.

The Russian Government has purchased the race-horse Galtze-More for £25,000.

THE GARRISON OF WEI-HAI-WAI.

The Right Hon. W. St. John Brodrick, Under-Secretary of State for War, denies that the Highland Infantry and Yorkshire will go to Wei-hai-wai.

(FROM JAPANESE PAPERS.)

COL. AKASHI.

Colonel Akashi has left for Beijing. He will proceed in a few days to the Philippines to investigate the operations there.

SERIOUS CONDITION OF PRINCE KUNG.

PRINCE KUNG is lying in a precarious condition, and a report is circulated among the people that he is already dead. The Emperor and Empress have personally visited the Prince.

THE INDEMNITY BALANCE.

TOKYO, May 5th.

It is learned from the authorities that the balance of the Chinese indemnity is to be received on the 7th inst. by the Japanese Ministers in London and Berlin from the respective Chinese Ministers at those capitals.

AN INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC.

YAMAOKUCHI, May 5th.

Influenza is raging at Hagi with great violence.

PLAGUE AT CALCUTTA.

TOKYO, May 5th.

A telegram to the Government announces that about 35 new cases of bubonic plague are being reported daily at Calcutta.

THE PLAGUE.

We are informed to-day that Mr. Collice, for many years with the M. M. Co., died of plague. He succumbed to the malady on Friday last. The deceased had been in the employ of the French Mail Co. for a number of years.

During the 24 hours up to noon, 15th May, 21 new cases and 15 deaths from plague were reported, making the total since 1st January (135 days) 1,037 cases and 835 deaths.

During the 24 hours up to noon, 16th May, 18 new cases and 10 deaths from plague were reported, making the total since 1st January (136 days) 1,047 cases and 845 deaths.

The returns for the week ended 14th May, are 179 cases and 137 deaths, as against 164 cases and 133 deaths the previous week.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Plague* left for Hanoi to-day.

The first day of the Tientsin Race will be held to-day.

The Japanese cruiser *Nanawa* sailed for Manila on Saturday.

For stealing an umbrella maker's vice a coolie was to-day sentenced to forty-two days' hard labour.

A 14-YEAR old boy, charged with stealing two bottles of lemonade was to-day ordered to receive six strokes with the birch.

Mrs. Sherwood and Thompson, the cotton importers of Liverpool, have failed. The liabilities are estimated at £10,000.

The return of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended May 15th are—Europeans, 208; Chinese, 1,595; total 1,803.

A COOLIE charged by P.C. Perkins with being unlawfully in possession of a full dress coat of the King's Own Regiment, was to-day fined \$5 for forty-two days.

A CASE of plague was found among the coolie passengers of the steamer *Tientsin* at Koh Phal, the quarantine station of Bangkok. The *Tientsin* halted from Swatow.

WONG KAY to-day told Capt. Hastings that he stole recently one bottle value \$5 in order to raise money to buy amahs with. He was sent to jail for forty-two days.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethercole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—

H. N. Cooper \$10

Mr. Pittchard Morgan, M.P., who arrived at Shanghai by the last Empress boat, brings with him, the *China Gazette* says, a staff of mining engineers with whom he will proceed into Shanai to inspect the mining concessions he has obtained in that region.

At a meeting of the Hongkong Five Insurance Association held at the China Fire Insurance Office the following committee was elected this afternoon:—Messrs. J. B. Coughlin (the president), H. Crombie, C. H. Lamont, W. H. T. Davis, R. Fehrmann, W. H. Hill, and J. H. Lewis.

THE report of the Po Leung Kuk Society for last year is published in the *Gazette*. Of the persons whose cases have been dealt with during the year 21 were married, 15 adopted, 3 died, 85 males and 220 females were sent home, and 41 women and children still remained in charge of the society.

We have received from Messrs. Luigens, Rostmann & Co., agents of the Great Eastern and Caledonian Mining Co., Ltd., a report of progress at the mines received from their mining manager, by the steamer *Alfred*. The report states that very good and fast work has been done in the mines since the last report, and gives a detailed account of the work done.

At Kichang on the 10th inst., there was a disturbance along the water front of the Settlement. There being a scarcity of food in the district, the people were objecting to the shipment of rice in steamers, and, in sight of the ships, in fact between the bulks, men in compass looted a native cargo-boat loaded with rice, which they carried away, leaving the boat empty.

INSPECTOR MOTTITT to-day charged Chan Kat and Chan Kum, accountants, with having unlawfully distilled intoxicating Chinese spirits. The Inspector said that at 2 p.m. on the 11th inst. he entered No. 9 Sai On Lane by warrant, with Sergeants Scott, Gidley and P. C. Faherty, and seized 165 jars of Chinese spirit, some on the ground floor, and some in the cockloft and on the first floor. He also took six earthenware jars, of 50 or 60 gallons each, all about full of Chinese spirits. One of the jars was quite water. Witness produced a number of samples. He found six stills on the ground floor, three working. He took samaras from the working stills and removed the stills; 52 buckets of sugar, 122 jars of sugar, 325 jars of rice, 19 jars of rice and 7 bags of rice were also seized. Three jars and three buckets of mash were likewise seized. A quantity of other stuff was found and the Inspector said it would require a large godown to store all the stuff. A quantity of vinegar was found on the first floor in large jars. The defendants were alone upstairs. Mr. George appeared for the defendants, and reserved his defence. They were remanded till 2 p.m. to-morrow, bail \$500 each. Samples of the spirits are to be sent to the Government Analyst.

INSPECTOR SCOTT to-day charged Chan Kat with gambling at No. 5 Praya Central. The fine was fixed \$15 and the others \$5 each.

The following latest decision of the Council of Health of Saigon is published in the *Gazette*:—Vessels from Hongkong without passengers or "susceptible" cargo will be visited at Cape St. James, and, if the Doctor sees no reason to the contrary, will be permitted to proceed to Saigon. At Saigon the crew must be kept on board. Cargo must be discharged by them. Ship to be disinfected. Pilot to remain on board. Libre pratique on the 16th day as previously. Drinking water to be renewed on arrival.

HERBERT GLYDE, Corporal of the 15th Co., R.A., appeared at the Magistracy to-day on remand charged with cutting and wounding a boatman. The complainant gave evidence that he was coming out of the Wanchai Market when defendant rushed up to him and struck him with a bottle on the head. Evidence was given on behalf of the defence by two members of the Asiatic to show that defendant had been provoked by complainant who threw mud on his face. Taking into consideration that defendant bore a good conduct, Commr. Hastings fined him \$15 and ordered him to pay \$5 compensation to the Chinaman.

Mr. Ho Tung, the Hon. Treasurer of the late Dr. U. I. K. Widow and Children's Fund, begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations:—

Ho Tung \$100

T. Jackson 50

Mrs. Ho Tung 50

Yee Yek Chen 50

Hon. J. J. Bell-Iving 25

Lau Wai Chuen 25

Ho Yik Chuen 25

Benjamin Kelly & Co. 25

Rumjahn & Arab 25

Wong Tai Fong 25

Wong Sap Sun 25

Dr. J. M. Aikison 20

Cheng Wo Hin 20

Sin Taklan 20

Miu Lik Tin 15

Wong Yik Yung 15

Wong Kienok 10

V. A. C. H. 10

Li Ki Tong 10

Goow Sui Lum 10

Chow Hing Ki 10

Chai On Ina Co. Ld. 10

Mok Yuen Lam 10

Li Hong Mei 10

Ng Yuen Hing Hong 10

Rau W. Pearce 10

"A Friend" 10

Chow Hing W. 5

Wan Tai Choy 5

Tao See Pi 5

Lo Cheong-P. 5

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FIRE ON THE "MAY FLINT"

A fire broke out on board the American ship *May Flint* at about 9 p.m. on the 14th inst. at Kobe. The vessel arrived there on the 12th with a large cargo of kerosene, all from Philadelphia for the Standard Trading Company. Help was speedily forthcoming when the alarm was given, but the flames had already made considerable headway. As for some time little or no effect could be produced with the means available the *May Flint* was taken in tow and beached in the mud at Oso in 31 fathoms of water. The Settlement Fire Brigade under Mr. Sim as Superintendent worked very hard and while part of the brigade worked at the pumps, the other

